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REMARKS

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1. The following information was obtained on Soviet troops stationed in the kaserne on the road from the Rathenow (N 53/Z 15) railroad station to Neustadt on the Dosse River (N 53/Z 18) on 31 January 1950:

- a. First kaserne: Occupied by troops and Soviet dependents.*
- b. Second kaserne: Occupied to capacity by troops of [REDACTED] left [REDACTED] 25X1C unidentified branch of services. [REDACTED] left the kaserne. *
- c. Third kaserne: Occupied to capacity by artillery units.

About 60 heavy AA guns or about 120 mm caliber were observed in one of three sheds, each of about 100-meter length. In front of the shed, soldiers trained with two guns. [REDACTED] left the kaserne. *

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2. No information could be obtained on another kaserne, located on Bahnhofstrasse and Schoppenhauerstrasse, as the entire area was strictly off limits. **

3. The following motor vehicles were seen in the streets of Rathenow:

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4. The following documents were found in the area between the third kaserne and an ammunition dump on the southern side of the Neustaedterstrasse.

25X1C No. 1: Envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED]

25X1C No. 22: Letter addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED], dated 7 January 1950, immaterial contents.

No. 3: Copybook belonging to Sub-Lt V.L. Serov, containing notes on a political examination of students of a platoon, approved by Maj Rudovol, Dpty CO (Political), immaterial contents.

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* The first, second, and third kasernes in Rathenow belong to the block of Waldkasernes. They are known as the former Infanterie Kaserne, the Pionier Kaserne, and the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. According to both previous reports and evaluation of [REDACTED] all these kasernes are occupied by component units of the 6th Arty Div. In addition, an AAA unit (of the 2d AAA Div)? is assumed to be stationed in the third kaserne (Kraftfahrer Kaserne).

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** The statement that the area of the kaserne on Bahnhofstrasse (former Ziethen Kaserne) was off limits corroborates previous assumptions that either the Hq IV Arty Corps or the Hq 6th Arty Div may be stationed there.

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